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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR AIRGUIDE INTERNATIONAL
CORPORATION REGARDING ALLEGED TARIFF INCREASES

REF: STATE 39140

1. EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED THAT TARIFF RATE HAS BEEN INCREASED TO 25 PCT AD VALOREM FOR TACHOMETERS, SPEEDOMETERS AND PARTS FOR BOTH. INCREASE WAS RESULT OF ACCEPTANCE BY GOA OF NOVEMBER 1976 INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (IAC) REPORT ON MEASURING, CHECKING, PRECISION INSTRUMENTS ETC. RATE WENT INTO EFFECT APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER 1977.

2. EMBASSY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH BLAISE (PER PARA 3 REFTEL) WHOSE IMPRESSION OF IAC RECOMMENDATIONS WAS, AS SUGGESTED PARA 2 REFTEL, THAT THEY WERE PRIMARILY DIRECTED AT PROTECTING INSTRUMENTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY. MARINE EQUIPMENT IS, HOWEVER, INCLUDED IN THE SAME TARIFF ITEM AND THUS SUBJECT TO INCREASED DUTY RATE.

3. EMBASSY ASKED BLAISE WHETHER HE HAD CONSIDERED FILING FOR ENTRY OF MARINE EQUIPMENT UNDER BY-LAW. CUSTOMS CAN ISSUE A BY-LAW ALLOWING DUTY-FREE ENTRY WHEN THERE IS NO LOCAL MANUFACTURER OF GOODS IN QUESTION. BLAISE TOLD EMBASSY THAT HE HAD NOT APPLIED FOR BY-LAW BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO

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OBTAIN STATEMENT FROM LOCAL MANUFACTURERS THAT THEIR ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR PROTECTION DID NOT INCLUDE MARINE INSTRUMENTS.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH BY-LAW BRANCH, OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY THAT IT IS COMMON PRACTICE FOR LOCAL MANUFACTURERS NOT TO MAKE SUCH STATEMENTS. THIS DOES NOT PREVENT IMPORTERS FROM FILING FOR BY-LAW, AND BY-LAW BRANCH MAKES ITS

OWN INVESTIGATIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY LOCAL PRODUCTION EXISTS.

5. EMBASSY THEREFORE WILL URGE BLAISE TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR BY-LAW ENTRY. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH IN BRIEFING NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENGINE AND BOAT MANUFACTURERS TO SUGGEST THAT THEIR MEMBERS URGE THEIR AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE SIMILAR BY-LAW APPLICATION.
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